Anti-Corruption and Efficiency Audit Department.

Q.—291. Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of cases of corruption which were pending investigation as on the date on which the present Director of Anti-Corruption and Efficiency Audit was appointed to that office;

(*b*) the number of investigations since completed and the number of investigations still going on;

(*c*) the names and designations of the officials implicated in the cases which are still pending investigation from since before this Director was appointed, together with the duration of pendency as well as the progress achieved during his administration, in each such case;

(*d*) the number of cases of corruption registered for investigation after his appointment;

(*e*) the number of investigations since completed and the number of investigations still going on;

(*f*) whether any report of the administration of this department is being published and if so, whether copies will be made available to Members of the Legislative Assembly?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) 721.

(*b*) Number of investigations since completed—375.

Number of investigations still pending—320.

(*c*) This cannot be disclosed. The duration of pending cases is as indicated below:—

Under preliminary enquiry—

1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
58	71	97	18

Pending regular enquiry—

1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
12	28	33	3

These cases, as also fresh ones received subsequent to 1st June 1952, are all under several stages of enquiry.

(*d*) 347.

(*e*) Number of investigations since completed—150.

Number of investigations still in progress—197.

(*f*) Yes; Quarterly Press Notes are being issued through the Department of Information. They are also being published in the Mysore Information Bulletin and the *Mysore Gazette.*

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know what action has been taken in respect of 375 cases in which investigation has been completed?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Some are pending with the Government; some are with the Special Officer and on some petitions, we have taken action.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Do I understand the Minister to say that after investigation has been completed, the matter is still under the consideration of some other officer or before Government?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I said that some are pending with the Government and on some we have already taken action.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know what is the nature of action taken?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The necessary disciplinary action—whatever is contemplated under the Anti-Corruption Act.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the nature of cases that are pending consideration before Government?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Does it In some cases we have to obtain the opinion of the Public Service Commission before final orders are passed. Some have been referred to the Public Service Commission and some are before the Government under consideration.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—In respect of those cases where investigation has been completed but reservation for the consideration of Government was not necessary, how many persons have been dismissed from service as a measure of discipline ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Notice, please.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether, beyond taking disciplinary action, Government have been able to recover any monies in those cases where embezzlement charges have been made against officials ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Yes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know how much has been recovered ? Out of 375 cases, what amount has been recovered from those who were charged with the embezzlement of Government monies ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I cannot give you individual figures, but I can give the total figure.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I asked for the total amount, Sir.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The amount is about six thousand rupees and odd.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Does it bear any comparison .....

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is for the year 1952-53.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—My supplementaries were related to sub-sections (*a*) and (*b*). Figures for 1952-53 would not be relevant here. However, I shall ask another question. Out of these 721 cases which were pending investigation, an account is given for 695 cases. What has happened to the other 26 cases ? Have they been withdrawn ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—They have been referred to the several Departments for enquiry and needful action.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Do I understand the Minister to say that investigation in those cases is taken over by other Departments, other than the Anti-Corruption Department ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—In some cases, the petitions are referred to the departmental heads.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know the reason why this procedure has been followed ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Because they were not of a serious nature.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know the difference or the distinction if any between a preliminary enquiry and a regular enquiry ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—A preliminary enquiry is first conducted and if a *prima facie* case is made out, charges will be framed against an officer or an official ; then he will be asked to submit his explanation. After his explanation is obtained, regular enquiry commences and he will have an opportunity to cross-examine prosecution witnesses adducing any defence evidence.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether during this preliminary enquiry the official accused of corruption or corrupt practices is allowed to defend himself with the aid of a counsel ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—During regular enquiry, for cross-examining witnesses, is the concerned official allowed to make use of the assistance of a counsel ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Notice.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the procedure, if any, that has been laid down and where is it laid down for these enquiries ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Under the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Under the Anti-Corruption Act and the rules framed thereunder ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA — Yes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know why as many as 58 cases are still pending preliminary enquiry from as long ago as 1949 ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— I cannot give you the reason. Perhaps it may be due to various circumstances—the absence of officials—if I remember right one or two have gone out of Mysore State ; there may be other reasons ; I do not know.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether it is the practice that the persons proceeded against should be present personally during the preliminary enquiry ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— In some cases, they may insist upon the presence of the party concerned.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Do I understand the Hon'ble Minister to say that *ex parte* enquiry can be conducted during preliminary or regular enquiry ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— If there is sufficient evidence for a *prima facie* case, it is not necessary to insist upon the presence of the party.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether Government are able to say how many Gazetted Officers and how many non-Gazetted Officers are involved in the 58 cases in 1949-50 which are pending preliminary enquiry ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— Notice.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know why the names and designations cannot be disclosed with reference to the answer to (c) ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— In the interests of the morale of the services.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is public disclosure of charges of corruption against officials calculated to lower the morale of the services or of the public ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— The morale of the services. Unless charges are proved and the enquiry is conducted, it is not correct to disclose the names.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—With regard to the number of investigations that were taken up subsequent to the appointment of the present Director of Anti-Corruption and Efficiency Audit, out of 347 cases as per the answer, 150 have been completed and 197 are in progress. May I know why a similar degree of efficiency has not been evinced by this officer in respect of cases the pendency of which dates as long back as 1949 ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— There must be very strong reasons. I will ascertain and let you know before the session concludes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether Government are quite certain that the sense of gratitude of the officer concerned for his reappointment to this post after superannuation has nothing to do with the speed with which he makes investigations into the old pending cases ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— He is doing his duty as an efficient officer.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Have the Government received any complaints against the Anti-Corruption Officer ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— No.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.— Has this officer any jurisdiction over the Corporation ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— Over the entire State.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.— How many cases have been detected in the Corporation ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— I cannot give you figures pertaining to the Corporation.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.— At least the number ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— I cannot give you.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.— Is it true that they have not detected any cases in spite of so much corruption going on there ?

(No answer).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಸಿ. ಆಂಜನೇಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ ಅಮರ್ಚಾರ್ ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಎಂಬುವರ ಮೇರೆ ತನಿಖೆಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು ಏನಾಯಿತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಸಿ. ಆಂಜನೇಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಒಂದಾವರ್ತಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮುಗಿದನಂತರ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಜವಾಬನ್ನು ಅವರು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದ್ದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಹಾಗೇ ಯಾವು ದಾದರೂ ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಿದರ್ಶನಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ತಾವು ಅಂಥದನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದರೆ ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ನೌಕರರ ಮೇರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ, ಖಾಸಗೀ ಜನರ ಮೇಲೂ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಗೆಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಆಂಟಿ ಕರಪ್ಷನ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಕೇಸನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅನಕ್ಕೆ ಇರುವಂಥ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಕೇಸಿನಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಿದರ್ಶನಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಇರುತ್ತವೆಯೆ ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Certainly they have not done so.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಅಗ್ರಿಕರ್ಚರಲ್ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ನಂಜಪ್ಪ ಎಂಬುವರಮೇರೆ ಇದ್ದ ಅಪಾದನೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಂಟಿಕರಪ್ಷನ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರ ತನಿಖೆ ಎಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಮುಂದುವರಿದಿದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಇನ್ನೂ Enquiry complete ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಆ ಕೇಸನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಸಲಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟುಕಾಲಬೇಕೋ ಅಷ್ಟುಕಾಲತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರ ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಯಾವ ಒಂದು ಕೇಸಾಗಲೀ ಇಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಮುಗಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಕಾಲ ನಿಯಮವಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—As much time as is necessary to complete the investigation and finalise the report.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Will the Anti-Corruption Department take cognizance of anonymous letters ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—In some cases ; if there is previous history behind it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಎಫಿಷಿಯೆನ್ಸಿ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ತನಿಖೆನಡೆಸುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ವರಮಾನ ತೋರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ವರಮಾನ ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷತೆ ಎರಡನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸತಕ್ಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ತನಕ ಅವರು ಯಾವು ದಾದರೂ ಅಂಥ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಲೀಕೇಜನ್ನು ತೋರಿ ಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಎಷ್ಟನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದೊಂದು ಆಫೀಸನ್ನೂ ಇವರು ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಕಾಲ ತನಿಖೆನಡೆಸುತ್ತಾರೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇವರು 1952ನೇ ಜೂಕ್ 1ನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖಿನಿಂದ 67 ಆಫೀಸುಗಳ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 47 ಆಫೀಸುಗಳ ನಂ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಈ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಒಂದೊಂದು ಆಫೀಸನ್ನು ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಆಯಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೆಲಸದಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಹಾಗೆ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಪತ್ತೆಹಚ್ಚಿದಾರೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅನೇಕ ದೋಷ ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಹಿಡಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—How to cross-examine a person who has sent an anonymous petition ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—There is no cross-examination of a person who has sent an anonymous petition.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that the investigation proceeds on the basis of anonymous letters ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Yes.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that the investigation itself depends upon the matter provided in the anonymous petition ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It is only a clue.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ಲಂಡದ ಹಾವಳಿ ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿದಮೇಲೆ, ಏನಾದರೂ ಕಮ್ಮಿ ಆಗಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಕಮ್ಮಿಆಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಆಂಟೀ ಕರಪ್ಷನ್ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರ್‌ರವರು ಆಫೀಸರ ಜೇಬುಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕು ತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿಷಯ ತಮ್ಮಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೆ್ಪಷರ್ ಆಫೀಸರೂ ಒಬ್ಬರಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ. ಈ ಅಂಟೀಕರಪ್ಷಕ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರವರು ಆಫೀಸುಗಳ ಇಕ್ಸೆ್ಪಕ್ಷನ್ ಹೋದಾಗ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳ ಜೇಬುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಹಾಕುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ವಿಚಾರ ನನ್ನ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question Nos. 604, 670 and 640 may be taken up together.

Distress Relief Measures.

Q.—604. Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent so far by them for relief measures during the recent famine in the State (information to be given districtwar and itemwar) ;

(*b*) the total number of taluks where famine conditions exist ;

(*c*) in how many taluks the conditions have greatly eased ;

(*d*) in how many taluks famine conditions are likely to continue in the future ;

(*e*) the action taken in this respect ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works.—

(*a*) Statement appended below.

(*b*) Fifty-one taluks have been affected by distress conditions in varying degrees.

(*c*) The distress in some taluks of Chitaldrug District and in Chennagiri Taluk of Shimoga District, Koratagere Taluk of Tumkur District has relatively eased and it persists in varying degrees in the other Taluks though during the harvest, a general easing of distress in some measure is visible in all the areas except in Madhugiri and Harihar Taluks and some taluks of Kolar District.

(*d*) Distress conditions in different degrees are likely to continue in most of the Taluks now affected except some taluks in Chitaldrug District and Chennagiri in Shimoga District and Koratagere in Tumkur District.

(*e*) 1. Continuance of relief works through (1) Revenue Agency, (2) P.W.D., (3) Red Cross Aid and (4) Local Bodies.

2. Supply of fodder hay from surplus areas to the affected areas at a subsidized rate.

3. Liberal issue of Takavi and Land Improvement loans.

4. Liberal issue of subsidy for irrigation wells.

5. Affording gratuitous Relief by means of (i) free distribution of foodgrains to the destitutes, (ii) Gruel Centres, (iii) Milk Centres.

6. Opening additional food depots wherever essential and issuing additional ration cards.